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I am pleased to join you today in this important hearing. Though your subcommittee and mine may be coming from different perspectives as we review the TACAIR programs, it makes no sense for us to approach the subject separately.

I note that our counterparts in the senate held a similar hearing this morning. General Ralston, I also note from the trade papers that the Joint Requirements Oversight Council will be doing its internal TACAIR review tomorrow. Obviously, the topic is one we have all come to realize deserves a great deal of our attention.

With that, Mr. Chairman, let me just say that I welcome our witnesses this afternoon and look forward to their testimony.